



California Watchable Wildlife Inaugural Statewide Conference

Wildlife Tourism: It's Our Nature

**Monday, September 29, 2008
The Flamingo Conference Resort & Spa
Santa Rosa, CA**

Join California Watchable Wildlife to explore why wildlife tourism is a successful rural economic development tool. Learn how communities have developed innovative partnerships and marketing tools and enjoy a field trip to one of Watchable Wildlife's newest wildlife viewing sites, the Laguna de Santa Rosa Wetlands.

California Watchable Wildlife is a statewide network of wildlife viewing sites, an iconic "brown binoculars" road signing program and website designed to enhance the visitor experience and encourage responsible and sustainable wildlife viewing behavior.

- 8:45 – 10:00am **Networking Breakfast**
- 10:00 – 10:30am **Welcome and Introduction to California Watchable Wildlife**
Ruth Coleman, Director, California State Parks
- 10:30am – 11:30am **Keynote Address: A Partnership Takes More than One: Why Wildlife Tourism is Wildly Successful in Washington State**
Mike O'Malley, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife
- 11:30am – 2:30pm **Watchable Wildlife Field Trip to Laguna de Santa Rosa with lunch**
Introduction to the Laguna de Santa Rosa by **Christine Fontaine**, Executive Director of the Laguna Foundation.
- 2:30 – 3:15pm **California Watchable Wildlife Network's New Interactive Website and Marketing Plan: Karen Killebrew**, California Watchable Wildlife Outreach Coordinator; **John Potter** and **Rebecca Martinez**, Blue Cat Studio
- 3:15 – 4:00pm **Marketing Wildlife Tourism for a Sustainable Future**
Patrick Tierney Ph.D., Professor, Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, San Francisco State University; **Maggie Ivy**, CEO/ Executive Vice President, Santa Cruz Convention and Visitors Council
- 4:00pm **Closing Remarks and Next Steps**
- 5:00 – 6:30pm **Beyond the Gateways Opening Reception at Matanzas Creek Winery**

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Conference Registration: Early Bird \$99.00 Register by September 17
 Regular \$125.00 After September 17

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